

# ***KC DX NEWS***

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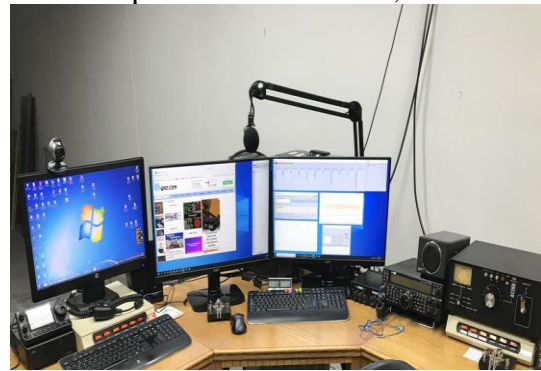


**NEXT KCDXC MEETING: JAN. 31** -The next KCDXC meeting will be a virtual meeting on the 31th, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. KØXM will send out an invitational link to members.  
**BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER DE KCDXC MEMBER, ED, AI6O:**



**OFFICERS FOR NEXT TERM-KØXM** is the new KCDXC President. All the other officers were re-elected: KØLW, Lee, V. President, WØZAP, Rick, Treasurer and KØTHN, Charlie, as Secretary. Read KØXM's comments and goals later in the newsletter!

AI6O, Ed, sent over pics of his antenna. Located in Grain Valley, Ed has a very nice set up and shack. Thanks, Ed!



**TOWER & ANTENNA PICS** We need pictures of towers and antennas from members for the upcoming newsletter. There are many members who have not sent in pics of their antennas! Send your pictures to [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com).

## KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	349	232		225	37	2380
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112		2631
N0CWR	350	349	350	326	975	202	66	2890
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
K3PA	350	348	345	319		188	36	2734
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2295
KB0X	336							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W0QQ	334	240	332	254	151	111	25	1808
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1849
RA3R	325	241	290	112		83		1412
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1165
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26	103		1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
K0IZ	300		300					
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
W0XE	248	216	193	14				833
AI60	249	217	193	205		19	10	936
AD0K	226	214	80	85	183	22	3	888
W0DR	225	30	174	70		10	7	622
N0EG	207	167	146	195		1	10	593
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	140	37	75	110		18	2	382
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter.

Send to [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com) . All updates are shared with W0XE, for the KCDXC web page. Please only one update a month.

# The President's Corner

## January 2022

### Chuck KØXM

Hi everyone and welcome to 2022!!!!

We all know the last couple of years have been a real mess with Covid and the pandemic. Hopefully we all came through OK. It shut down most, if not all DXPeditions and hamfests. With the travel restrictions, it was really quiet on the bands. BUT with the number of sunspots climbing (we have had SFI in the 140's the last week of 2021), things are looking up in the terms of working that "new one". If they keep climbing, it will not take much in the way of antennas and power to get the one you need on that one band.

I wanted to convey my thanks to the outgoing President, Russ KØVXU. His tenure rode out the pandemic, and lousy conditions. Thanks for your work Russ.

I am a firm believer that Committees play a major role in the success of any club. One person handling all the work load will not work, so we need to establish some new committees, and re-establish and possibly re-work existing committees. And the committees will not be a single or two people set up. Think odd numbers folks- only way they will work effectively. Also respect for each other will have to exist.

My thoughts are there is a HUGE wealth of talent, and able bodies in our club. We need to utilize that. It has been mentioned to re-establish some awards from the past in the club. We will work on that.

Those who wish to add their contest scores to the club's composite score should join in and help get the club the recognition it deserves. Our club has a rich history of contesting and DXing through the years, let's brag about it.

We also have a wonderful club call available for contesting. WØCW is available by coordinating with the trustee Dragan KØAP.

If anyone has ideas to improve our meeting location, we are always looking for more flexibility in a venue. The ZOOM room will remain so those who cannot make the meetings, or our out of town members can join. We will be setting up streaming the meeting over Facebook and YouTube as they happen. Also, we will be adding meeting details and upcoming contests and DXPeditions to the calendar on the Groups.io page.

So, along those lines, hopefully we will have an active and entertaining 2022. I am looking forward to our activities and growth. I also look forward to working with ALL members for ideas to grow the membership and activities for the club. ANY comments or questions, feel free to email me at k0xm@byrg.net

73 es Good DX

Chuck KØXM (ex- NØBIW)

November 29, 2021

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

### Meeting conducted on online meeting service - ZOOM

The November 2021 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU at 6:34 pm CST (November 29, 0034 UTC).

The last meeting that minutes were taken by the Secretary was February 24, 2020. Since then, the Covid-19 Pandemic has prevented us from meeting in person and the secretary has not been aware of a need for formal minutes until now.

#### Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- Treasurer's report
- DXing and Contesting
- Election of Officers
- W0AR and N0SS 2019 Contest Results
- Closing Informal Pie Eating and Tall-Tale Telling online Zoom hosted by Chuck, K0XM.

#### Introductions -

No guests were noted.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present but Russ, K0VXU, reported that our balance is more than \$6,000.

#### DXing for December

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Among the best mentioned were Kenya, 5ZF, Burkina Faso XT2AW, Bangladesh S21DX, and Bouvet I 3Y0I (questionable).

A member noted that 9X4X has been very active and a TL7 will be active in January.

#### Contesting for December

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

ARRL 160 meters, ARRL 10 meters, and Stew Perry Top Band Challenge.

#### Election of Officers

The following have been nominated for the elective offices for the coming two years:

President, Chuck Kraly, K0XM

Vice President, Lee Ward, K0LW

Treasurer, Rick Parent, W0ZAP

Secretary, Charlie Hett, K0THN

President Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU, moved that since the nominations for the offices would be closed the next day, Nov. 30, and that it was unlikely that further nominations would be received by then, that we close nominations and approve the above nominations unanimously and declare the officers duly elected. Motion seconded by Jim Cessna, AC0KN.

Motion carried unanimously. Congratulations to the officers.

Thank you, Russ, for your service as our president for the last several years.

#### WØAR and NØSS Contest

Both contests end at 2359Z on December 31, 2021. Reports should go to Tom, NØAG.

#### Discussion and Closing

We will continue on ZOOM for now as the library is still not scheduling meetings in their conference rooms. The next meeting will be January 31, 2022. Chuck Kraly will continue the online Pie Eating event after the meetings. He also suggested that when we do have meetings in person again that we simultaneously have a ZOOM channel open for those that are unable to attend.

Drew, K3PA, has qualified for the World Radiosport Team Championship, WRTC. Congratulations, Drew.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Charlie Hett, KØTHN, KCDX Club Secretary.

## WORLD RADIOSPORT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (WRTC) 2022

### By Drew Vonada-Smith, K3PA

WRTC, typically held every four years, is viewed as a sort of Olympics for amateur radio contesting. I was fortunate enough to qualify and participate in the 2018 event in Germany as Y86W. I'll also be in the next event, 2023, in Italy. (Rescheduled from 2022 due to Covid.) Here is a little background on the topic for those interested.

WRTC started in 1990, with the first venue in Seattle. Since that time, the format of the event and means of qualification have changed and settled into what we have now. The world is divided into about 60 competing WRTC regions, based on population. One competitor for each region, or sometimes more for larger regions, are selected by ranking them using a number of contests in the four years between events. Typically, two qualification years are designated with about twelve major CW, SSB, and mixed mode contests per year. DX contests are emphasized in the list, which varies with sponsoring country selection.

Potential competitors operate the designated contests and select their top six results for each year. WRTC scores for each event are determined by noting the top score in each contest for your region and comparing your score to his. Your WRTC score is the percentage of your contest score compared to your region's winner, times the contest's point value. Different contests, and categories for each contest have slightly different score weighting. For example, CQ WW CW for high power, unassisted is worth 1000 points. If you make half the score of the regional winner, you get 500 points. Other contests may be worth fewer points, as well as other categories like low power, DX cluster assisted or multi-operator. Add the top six for each of both



years to get your WRTC score. This insures you are compared with others with similar propagation conditions.

The top scorer for each region is invited to lead a WRTC team. He selects one teammate, who now must be some top ten scorer in any WRTC region. The two form a team that will operate as a two transmitter station in the main WRTC contest. The main event is held as part of the (July) IARU HF Contest with slightly different scoring rules for the WRTC participants. All participants run identical antennas in the same general geographical area, a bit like Field Day, to insure a level playing ground. We bring our own radios and filters. 24 hours operating for both team members, and a referee at each station, with no breaks. That part isn't like Field Day.

So what does it take to qualify for WRTC? You might think that all competitors at this level have superstations, and many do. But not all. For example, I qualified using my single multiband Yagi on a crank-up tower. To be fair, I have a pretty good Yagi that includes 40M and the crank-up is 90 foot high. I also have good 80 M and 160 M antennas and a better than average location. But it is by no means a superstation. How do guys like me qualify?

- 1) Work EVERY contest on the list. Hard work pays off; you will do well on some and worse on others, and being able to choose from many results is important.
- 2) Put in the full hours for each contest and do your best to win.
- 3) Select the best category you can be competitive in for each contest. High Power Unassisted is always the "big dog" category that earns full points. But sometimes, you might be more competitive as Assisted, or Low Power and can take advantage of a better result overall.
- 4) Make the best use of station resources. Put up the best antennas you can, including the low bands. Automate what you can for efficiency. Learn S02R (dual radio operating) if you can. What specific radio you use is less important.
- 5) Operating skill is always key, so practice! Optimizing a contest effort is a subject worthy of a full article on its own.

Meeting so many of your peers to socialize and then compete, especially in a foreign country, is a great experience. 2018 was my first WRTC and I did relatively poorly compared to the winners. But I learned a lot and had a lot of fun. We (N3AD and myself) certainly did not expect to beat all the best operators in the world. We (N1UR and myself) hope to do a bit better this time around, but it will be fun regardless. Look for us on July 8-9, 2023 with some special Italian callsigns. Ciao!-K3PA

## VHF/UHF CORNER

KY00, CRAIG, HAS AGREED TO START WRITING A VHF/UHF DX & CONTESTING COLUMN IN THE NEWSLETTER. WATCH FOR THIS NEW COLUMN STARTING NEXT MONTH!

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR KCDXC MEMBERSHIP!

Your 2022 dues can be paid online at the KCDXC web page via Paypal or checks may be mailed to W0ZAP's QRZ.com address.

## ANNUAL WØAR DX CONTEST

The KCDXC sponsors an annual DX Contest for club members. The competition encourages members to be on the air and active on the DX bands. NØAG is Chairman of the competition. There are several categories or classes in the contest. Below are the rules:

### WØAR DX CHALLENGE

Honoring the memory of Lee Bergren, WØAR, one of the most well-known and respected DXers of all time, and a founding member of the Kansas City DX Club.

Each Year's Challenge Ends at

23:59 UTC December 31

Entries due no later than 15 days after the close of each Challenge. Be sure to get yours in by the deadline!

Don, WØXE, created an excellent record-keeping spreadsheet. Contact ABØX if you would like a copy of the logging program([ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com))

- Rules -

Purpose: To promote activity on the bands and to provide friendly competition among the KCDXC members, by working as many ARRL Countries (entities) and as many CQ Zones as possible within the time frame described below...

Rules: KCDXC (WØAR) Challenge

(1) Activity period: The KCDXC Club (WØAR) Lee Bergren Memorial DX Challenge is a year-long activity, beginning each year at 0000 UTC January 1, and ending at 2359 UTC December 31.

a) *Eligibility*: THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO KCDXC CLUB MEMBERS ONLY!

b) *Membership Requirements*: IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED A KCDXC CLUB MEMBER, AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS YEAR'S CONTEST, YOUR DUES MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 1.

(2) Frequencies: Any authorized amateur frequency may be used. Contacts through repeaters or satellites are not allowed for credit, nor are contacts with maritime or aeronautical mobile stations. All contacts must be made entirely over amateur radio frequencies—i.e., Echolink-type contacts or IRLP do not count.

(3) Modes: Any authorized amateur mode may be used. Five modes will be recognized in the DX Challenge—Mixed, CW, SSB, RTTY and Digital. All modes other than CW, SSB and RTTY will count as Digital. Submissions with all contacts utilizing a single mode will be recognized.

(4) Categories: All awards are for single operator only. There are five entry categories "QRP", "Low Power", "Unlimited", "Wires", and "Rookie." An operator in QRP/Low Power Class must select QRP (5 watts or less) or 100 watts at the beginning of the WØAR DX Memorial DX Challenge and may not switch between entry modes during the year. Entering multiple categories is allowed, even encouraged. Separate logs must reflect each category. The use of spotting nets/methods such as a DX Cluster® is allowed for all categories:

a) *QRP*: All contacts must be made with a maximum output power of 5 watts, regardless of band or mode;

b) *Low Power*: Maximum of 100 watts output.

c) *Unlimited/High Power*: Up to the maximum legal limit. All power restrictions of specific contests, i.e. NA QSO Party limitation of 100W or specific bands, i.e. 30 & 60 Meter power restrictions must be observed.

d) *WIRES*: The only antennas allowed are simple dipoles and 1 wire vertical. A

maximum of two wire dipoles and one vertical may be used. All antenna elements must be constructed of wire. All radiation must be accomplished via the wire elements. Example: a shunt fed tower is not a wire antenna, even though it consists of a wire element.

e) **ROOKIE:** Any entrant who is a first time WØAR CHALLENGE contestant will be considered a ROOKIE. ie. This is your first entry in the WØAR Contest.

(5) **Valid Contacts:** A valid contact consists of a complete, correctly copied and legibly logged two way exchange between the contesting station and any other station. Proper logging requires including the time in UTC and the BAND of each contact. Only one call sign shall be utilized by the contesting station during the DX Challenge contest period.

(6) **Scoring:** Each ARRL country worked is worth one point. Each CQ zone worked is a multiplier of one. The total score is the sum countries worked, on any mode and any authorized band multiplied by the sum of CQ Zones. The multipliers are the CQ Zones. Each country and zone count only once. A single QSO may count for both a country and a zone. For example if in the course of the year you work 238 countries and 35 zones, your score is 8330. If you work all 40 zones and 150 countries your score is 6000. The ARRL DX Countries List and the CQ Zone List constitute the official lists. The lists are available on the KCDX Club website.

(7) **Submissions:** Submissions must be made electronically, via e-mail to the Contest Committee. A Microsoft Excel® template into which contacts may be entered will be made available for download from the KCDX Club website. All scores must be received within 15 days of the close of each Challenge.

(7a) **Partial Score Report:** It is mandatory that each contestant submit his/her approximate country total at 90 day intervals in the contest. A 10% penalty will be assessed if contestant fails to report their approximate score by the required date.

(7b) **Minimum Submissions:** A minimum of two submissions per Category/Mode is necessary for an award.

(8) **Verification:** QSL Cards are not required. The operator is expected to claim contacts only from stations the operator has every reason to believe are legitimate. Scores will be adjusted by the KCDX Contest Committee for claimed contacts with pirates or any station not considered legitimate. Submissions may be penalized or voided in cases of fraud or poor sportsmanship. The decisions of the KCDX Contest Committee are final.

(9) **Results:** The final listing of official scores will be posted on the KCDX Contest website.

(10) **Awards:**

a) *Certificates:* Certificates will be issued to the top (3) three scores from each Category.

b) *Plaques:* The KCDXC Contest Committee will award plaques to the top scorer in each category. The top scorer overall will receive the "KCDX Club DXer Champion" Plaque.

(11) In all cases, the rulings of the KCDXC Contest Committee and the KCDXC Contest Committee Chairman are final.

## DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY ABØX

**SUNSPOTS RETURNING?**-Recently around 2200-2330Z I have found the 10 meter band wide open to Asia and the Pacific with excellent signals. Of course, on 10 meters if you can hear it, they can almost always hear you! I worked a VR, VK, ZL, 3D2, FK8 on



QRPP. One VK said I was only 529 with 5 watts, but I was able to complete the qso. He was only 549. These stations worked were on CW and ssb, not FT8! So, remember to check 10 and 12 meters in the late afternoon. There were literally dozens of VK's and ZL's spread out across the band. Reminds me of past sunspot cycles and was great fun. Also, I have worked deep into Asia on 30M around 2300Z, last week. This seems to be a regular thing on FT8 most evenings! I heard XV, VR, BY, DU, HL and many JA's.

When the Spots begin to return, DXing is such a great part of our hobby!-AB0X

*DX NEWS(THANKS, to TED,KB8NW, & OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN, the best free DX Bulletin in the world!)*

3B8, MAURITIUS. Simon, TA/XW0LP (G6JFY/HS0ZIB/XW0LP/XZ2A) has left Turkey for warmer weather. He states on January 10th, on eHam.net: "My plans to activate 1B (Turkish Republic of North Cyprus) are no longer feasible, because the licensing authorities failed to reply to any of my communications!

Whilst languishing in Turkey waiting for that license, the cold weather created a lot of problems for my lungs (I have a long-term lung illness), and I had to quickly look for a new and hot country to call home.

Well, here I am in sunny Mauritius! I have rented a nice house with a big garden, and hope to be on the air in the next month or so with my 3B8 callsign. Especially, I hope to do some low band DXing (I managed to bring my 12m and 18m Spiderbeam poles with me!). I'll keep eham informed of progress :) At least Bouvet should be a chip-shot!!"

3B8, MAURITIUS. Slavo, SP2JMB, and his XYL Dorota/SP2TO will once again be active as 3B8GY from Mauritius between February 5-25th. Last activity was in 2011. Operations will be on various HF bands and modes. QSL via SP2JMB direct.

3B8, MAURITIUS (Reminder). Ray, HB9DNG/F5UKV (ex-9Q5RP), will be moving and be active as 3B8HH from the small village of Pereybèrein, very close to Cap Malheureux in the north part of Mauritius, starting around the January 20th. He informs OPDX that he will be running up to 100 watts into wires and EndFed antennas. Activity will be on 80-2 meters (possibly 160m) using mainly CW and some SSB. Having his station is completely in- stalled, Ray plans to operate some digital (PSK at the beginning; then RTTY). He also mentions that he might use FM on 10 meters. His operating schedule will be more or less daily; probably starting from 1800 UTC and onward accordingly to propagation conditions. Regarding QSLing, Ray states that he is "from the old school and like 'paper QSL'." At the very beginning, Ray will start with direct QSLing, but very quickly will use the Mauritian MARS (Mauritius Amateur Radio Society) QSL Bureau. Currently, he does not have a QSL Manager. He will upload his log to ClubLog. There will be NO eQSL. More info about the operator and his station is available on QRZ.Com and HAMQth.com.

3Y0J BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. The following was posted on the 3Y0J FaceBook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3093983840726129>) by Erwann Merrien, LB1QI, Co-Leader, on January 10th, with 3 pictures [edited]:

Another day in the snow to prepare our camp on Bouvet. This time we have tested one of the shelters to be used on the island. After a long round of discussions with various potential suppliers we have finally found our shelter: the Venor Gamme 12-14 built in northern Norway by Arctic Lavvo (<https://www.arcticlavvo.no/>). This very lightweight but sturdy tent will be manufactured with a reinforced armature and addi-

tional guying points.

LA7THA and LB1QI tested the assembling process, the quality of the fabrics as well as a tunnel that could be used to connect two tents together.

The shelter will be tested further all over the winter and the 3Y0J team is now working at the different layout and stations positions.

73s, The 3Y0J Team

You want to support us in our efforts to activate Bouvet? Easy, just visit and follow the instructions in our website: [www.3y0j.no/funding](http://www.3y0j.no/funding)

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3Y0J BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. Members of the 3Y0J team were on the DX Engineering YouTube Channel (January 14th) with Tim, K3LR. Members Otis/NP4G and Dave/WD5COV were live to discuss the latest on the 3Y0J Bouvet Island Dxpedition!

(<https://www.3y0j.no/>) To view this "DX Engineering Weekend Special" video which is just under 30 minutes long,

go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L--OkfEnE>

5Z, KENYA (Reminder). Ferdy, HB9DSP, will be active as 5Z4/HB9DSP from Malindi (WW Loc. LI06br), Kenya, between now and January 27th, depending on the current Covid situation. This will be his first ever DXpedition.

Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters using mainly SSB with some FT8. His equipment is an Icom IC-7300 into an Spiderbeam Quad. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW (preferable).

8Q, MALDIVES. Nobby, G0VJG, will once again be active as 8Q7CQ between March 4-18th. This will be his third trip there, but this time he will be active from the Island of Innahura (AS-013). Activity will be on 80-10 meters (this now includes 60m) using SSB and the Digital modes. He plans to participate in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th).

His equipment will be a FT-450D or FT857 with a JUMA 1000 watt amp into HF6V Butter-nut vertical for the HF bands and a link dipole. QSL via M00X0's OQRS or direct.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Oliver, DJ5QW, will be active as D4CW and D44DX from Santa Maria village, Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde, between February 19th and March 2nd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign or by the DARC Bureau.

NCDXF NEWS (Press Release - USFWS Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument seeking public comments; dated January 15th, 2022) [edited].

As our NCDXF contributors know, our board members have activated many very rare entities, including most of the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (PRIMNM). The last such DXpedition was the 2018 Baker Island operation, KH1/KH7Z, which saw five NCDXF board members on the team led by Kevin, K6TD, and Don, N1DG.

As a result of many years of close working relationships between DXers and the USFWS, Don Greenbaum, N1DG, was invited to serve on a Citizens Group representing recreational users of the Monument in a group advising the USFWS and NOAA on a new management plan for the PRIMNM. As the next step in that process is taken, the USFWS and NOAA have opened a window for public comment.

NCDXF is proud to assist in furthering the voices of DXers for continued access to the islands in the new plan and has submitted the following statement in support of

Don's efforts to keep amateur radio access in the new plan:

"Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the new Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument management plan. The Northern California DX Foundation is the oldest and largest of the Foundations that support amateur radio DXpeditions around the world. On our Board we have had DX-peditioners who have been to Midway, Kure, Palmyra, Kingman Reef, Jarvis, Johnston, Wake, Navassa, Desecheo and Baker Island as well as non USFWS entities.

Our membership is worldwide and represents the hobby of over 150,000 amateurs who participate in the American Relay League's Logbook of the World repository of confirmations that tracks contacts to these and other entities that make up the DXCC awards. This is what creates the interest to visit your Monuments. When each activation occurs there are websites devoted those endeavors and it is not uncommon for hundreds of thousands of worldwide visitors to learn more about these Monuments and the importance of keeping these resources pristine.

Ham radio was used by the early colonizers of Howland, Baker and Jarvis Islands in the mid 1930s. It is a tradition that extends to today with the 2018 Baker Island radio expedition. Then, like today, these activities publicized the islands and the importance of them in both geopolitical and ecological circles.

When we vet expeditions for grants to these remote and environmentally sensitive locations, the stewardship of these islands is paramount to our decision-making process. We often ask to see the Special Use Permits and hold our grantees to following the rules and regulations set out in the SUP. We are glad to see over the years that USFWS has been so accommodating to our ham radio access to the islands and trust that the new rules are going to reflect the close cooperation and good experience of the past.

NCDXF, on behalf our members, support and encourage the USFWS to continue to provide access to this group. On behalf of NCDXF members and the Board of Directors, Kevin Rowett, President NCDXF."

If you wish to comment and lend your support please go to:  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/12/21/2021-27535/pacific-remote-islands-marine-national-monument-monument-management-plan>

The Deadline for comments is soon, January 20th.

Let's help make DX happen in these rare entities. The more input and interest shown by the amateur radio community can only help but gain periodic access to these rare entities.

Thank you very much!

Glenn Johnson, W0GJ

NCDXF Secretary

<http://www.ncdxf.org>

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Operators Cornel/YP5C/YO5CDF and Mihai/YO6SM are currently active as OY/YP5C and OY/YO6SM, respectively, from the Faroe Islands. The length of their stay is not known at this time. Activity seems to be focused on 20 meters SSB. QSL OY/YP5C via his home callsign or eQSL. QSL OY/YO6SM via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

RI1, ANTARCTIC. Alex, UG1A (ex-RD1AV), a "Seasonal Drill Team Leader", will once again be active as RI1ANC in his spare time from the Russian Vostok Base club station in the Antarctica (AN-016, WFF RFF-168) as of January 13th, until the beginning of February 2022. Activity will be on various HF bands using mostly CW. QSL via RN10N, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

TU, CÔTE D'IVOIRE (Czech DXpedition). Operators Petr/OK1BOA, Petr/OK1FCJ and David/OK6DJ will once again be active as TU5PCT from the Radio Club ADRASEC RCI in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), between February 7-12th (limited/building up February 5-6th; dismantling on February 13th.

Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1832, 3545, 5353, 7032, 10105, 14025, 18079, 21025, 24903 and 28018

SSB - 3790, 7185, 14185, 18150, 21280, 24935 and 28450

RTTY - 3563, 7045, 10142, 14080, 18099, 21080, 24911 and 28080

FT8 - 1840, 3563, 5357, 7071, 10144, 14090, 18108, 21091, 24923 and 28080

6m - 50095/CW, 50150/SSB and 50313/FT8

QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <https://www.cdxp.cz>

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